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KEY WEST, FLA., NOV. 13 (AP) - AN ATTEMPT TO SABOTAGE THE IMPORTANT COPPER MINING AND INDUSTRIAL CENTER OF MATAHAMBRE IN WESTERN CUBA HAS BEEN SMASHED BY GOVERNMENT SECURITY FORCES, HAVANA RADIO SAID TODAY.

THE BROADCAST SAID TWO GROUPS OF SABOTEURS LANDED NEAR THE MINING CENTER WITH A HALF TON OF WEAPONS. THE RADIO DESCRIBED THE RAIDERS AS AGENTS OF THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

THE LEADER OF THE GROUP, IDENTIFIED AS MIGUEL ANGEL CRESPO, ONCE AN ARMY OFFICER UNDER DICTATOR FULGENCIO BATISTA, WAS CAPTURED, THE RADIO SAID.

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THE BROADCAST SAID THE SABOTEURS LANDED OCT. 19 AND 20 USING A RUBBER RAFT WITH A "SILENT MOTOR." CRESPO, ALONG WITH A COMPANION IDENTIFIED AS PEDRO VERA ORTIZ, WAS CAPTURED AT A FARM IN THE WESTERN PROVINCE OF PINAR DEL RIO ON NOV. 2, THE RADIO SAID.

"THEY HAD BEEN ESPECIALLY TRAINED BY THE CIA IN THE UNITED STATES," THE BROADCAST CHARGED.

THEY HAD PLANNED TO SABOTAGE AN AERIAL TRAMWAY SERVING THE MATAHAMBRE MINE, SAID THE RADIO, AND CARRY OUT OTHER SABOTAGE IN THE AREA. IF THE TRAMWAY AND MINE SABOTAGE HAD SUCCEEDED, THE BROADCAST SAID, SOME 400 WORKERS WOULD HAVE BEEN KILLED.

THE RADIO SAID THE RAIDERS WERE TO HAVE BEEN PICKED UP BY A U.S. NAVY VESSEL BETWEEN OCT. 23 AND 25 AFTER CARRYING OUT THEIR MISSION.

IN ADDITION TO WEAPONS, THEIR EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES INCLUDED EXPLOSIVES, RADIO TRANSMITTERS AND ENOUGH FOOD FOR TWO WEEKS, SAID THE BROADCAST.

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